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BRASILIA FOR BRZEZINSKI,PASTOR, AND HORMATS WITH PRESIDENT'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES: FOLLOW-UP TO BILATERAL BETWEEN
PRESIDENTS
CARTER AND PEREZ

1. ERB (NSC STAFF) ACCOMPANIED BY EMBOFFS OLSEN AND MORLEY MET WITH
PEREZ GUERRERO, FIGUEREDO, TER HORST AND GIL ON MARCH 29 FOR
DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE POINTS RAISED DURING BILATERAL
CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRESIDENTS CARTER AND PEREZ. ERB AND EMBOFFS
ALSO MET WITH MONCAYO, OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA).
SUMMARIES FOLLOW OF MAIN ISSUES.

2. JAMAICA MINI-SUMMIT

DURING CARACAS BILATERALS PRESIDENT PEREZ TWICE REFERRED TO HIS
FORTHCOMING MEETING IN JAMAICA WITH QUOTE SOME EUROPEAN LEADERS
UNQUOTE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT LEADERS FROM GERMANY, UK, CANADA, NORWAY,
AUSTRIA AND ONE AFRICAN COUNTRY (NOT SPECIFIED BUT NIGERIA HAS BEEN
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MENTIONED) ARE INVITED TO MAY 30-JUNE 1 MEETING OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
LEADERS IN KINGSTON WITH MANLEY AND PEREZ. ERB ASKED PEREZ GUERRERO
FOR ELABORATION OF BRIEF PEREZ REMARKS. PEREZ GUERRERO DESCRIBED
MEETING AS QUOTE IN OFFING UNQUOTE AND SAID THAT NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES
WOULD BE LIKELY SUBJECTS OF CORRIDOR TALK BETWEEN PEREZ, SCHMIDT,
AND OTHERS.

3. NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS

DURING BILATERAL PRESIDENT CARTER RAISED POSSIBILITY OF TWO-STAGE NORTH-SOUTH PROCESS IN WHICH SMALL GROUPS OF COUNTRIES WOULD MEET TO WORK OUT CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS THAT WOULD BE REFERRED TO WIDER GROUP OF COUNTRIES AND/OR TO LEADERS OF COUNTRIES IN THE SMALL GROUPS. THE PRESIDENT OFFERED TO TAKE INITIATIVE, PERHAPS BY CALLING MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM U.S., VENEZUELA, JAMAICA, AND OTHER DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SUCH LDCS AS ALGERIA THAT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH SOMEWHAT RADICAL POSITIONS IN THE PAST. PRESIDENT PEREZ AS WELL AS PEREZ GUERRERO AGREED DURING BILATERAL THAT SOME MECHANISM WAS NEEDED TO ACCELERATE NORTH-SOUTH NEGOTIATIONS. THEY SAID THAT UN OVERVIEW MECHANISM WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL CONTACTS.

IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH ERB, PEREZ GUERRERO SAID THAT OVERVIEW MEETING IN MAY COULD PROVIDE SETTING FOR INFORMAL NORTH-SOUTH CONSULTATIONS, IF NATIONS WRE REPRESENTED BY OFFICIAL FROM CAPITALS. ERB ENCOURAGED HIM TO RAISE REPRESENTATION ISSUE WITH OTHER LDCS. PEREZ GUERRERO EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMON FUND MIGHT BE VIEWED AS DELAYING TACTIC BY SOME G-77 COUNTRIES. HE SEEMED TO PREFER USE OF OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY OVERVIEW MEETINGS FOR INFORMAL CNSULTATIONS AND EMPHASIZED ROLE OF ALGERIA (CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW MECHANISM). PEREZ GUERRERO WILL SPEAK TO SECGEN COREA IN CARACAS NEXT WEEK AND INFORM EMBOFF OF COREA REACTION TO AND POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AT INFORMAL MEETING ON CONFIDENTIAL

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COMMON FUND IN NEW YORK DURING OVERVIEW MEETING.

4. SELA AND OVERVIEW

ERB ALSO MET WITH MONCAYO OF LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM (SELA). MONCAYO SAID THAT SELA COUNCIL WILL DISCUSS SELA ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR COORDINATION OF POSITIONS FOR OVERVIEW MEETINGS AS WELL AS A POSSIBLE SELA ROLE WITH LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK DURING OVERVIEW MEETINGS. COREA WILL ADDRESS SELA COUNCIL NEXT WEEK ON UNCTAD NEGOTIATIONS.
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